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Employers Affected by Freezes in California are Eligible for Extension on Filing Employment Tax Reports

SACRAMENTO – Employers in the State of California who were directly affected by damage resulting from the January freezes may request up to a 60-day extension to file their state payroll reports and deposit state payroll taxes with the state Employment Development Department (EDD), without penalty or interest.

This extension, applicable only to the first quarter of 2007 and year end reports for 2006, may be granted under Section 1111.5 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC). State payroll taxes include Unemployment Insurance, Employment Training Tax, State Disability Insurance, and California Personal Income Tax.

Written requests for extension must be received by EDD with a postmark date of March 13, 2007, or earlier.

To request an extension, employers must send EDD a letter specifically requesting an extension of time under Section 1111.5 of the CUIC, along with any late payment or report. The letter also must provide detailed information as to why the report or payment could not be submitted in a timely manner.

Employers should mail the letter and tax report or payment to the address specified on their filing form.

If an employer has already been charged a late filing or payment penalty that they believe may qualify for this extension, they should send their written request to:

EDD
P.O. Box 826846, MIC 3A
Sacramento, CA 94246-0001

For further information, employers can visit EDD's Web site at www.edd.ca.gov/eddemerdisaster.htm or call the EDD Taxpayer Assistance Center at 1-888-745-3886.

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